

DEROSSETT SUES FOR BIG DAMAGES

Brings Action for \$500,000 for Exemplary and Compensatory Damages.

FALSE ARREST CHARGED

Another Chapter in Celebrated Litigation Growing Out of Fire in Hat Store.

The largest suit of its character ever entered in the courts of Hamilton county was filed Tuesday morning in the circuit court by Sampson DeRossett, former president and general manager of the DeRossett Hat company, of this city, against the London Lancashire Fire Insurance company et al. The suit is for \$500,000 and charges the defendants with falsely, maliciously, feloniously and unlawfully having the plaintiff arrested on the charge of arson in connection with the burning of the DeRossett Hat company on Nov. 5, 1913.

The plaintiff claims that he was arrested on the charge of arson and subsequently indicted and acquitted by a jury in the criminal court. It will be remembered that, following the burning of the DeRossett Hat company on Eleventh street, the insurance companies holding policies on the property refused to pay the amount of the policies, and suit was entered in the chancery court by DeRossett. In the meantime, DeRossett was arrested, charged with arson, and was tried and acquitted. DeRossett also won his suit in the chancery court for the amount of his policies and was given judgment for the full amount, together with the legal penalty of 25 per cent., as required by law. The declaration was filed Tuesday morning by W. G. M. Thomas, of the firm of Thomas & Thomas, and is a lengthy one, setting out specifically all the twelve counts on which the suit is brought.

The complainant sets out in the bill that he was arrested at the instance of the defendants who did so without rational or legal foundation and the arrest was in the absence of honest motives and was initiated, carried on and prosecuted by an unlawful conspiracy with the object and purpose of recklessly and fraudulently defaming, injuring and damaging complainant in his property and reputation and to gain undue and unlawful advantage.

The declaration includes several defamatory letters, written by agents of the defendants against complainant's reputation. The bill sets out four counts on which it is claimed the suit is brought. First, destruction and loss of complainant's value of stock in the DeRossett Hat company; second, complainant's salary as president and general manager

of DeRossett Hat company; third, complainant's interest as stockholder in the damaged and uninsured merchandise left on hand; fourth, his necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in defending himself.

The declaration sets out the movements as corroborated by witnesses of the complainant on the night of the fire. Complainant states that he left and locked his store on Nov. 5, 1913, at 9 o'clock. He then went to his home, ate his supper and then went, as was his custom three times a week, to the Read House, where he looked over the register to see how many country merchants were at the hotel. He then went into the poolroom where he watched a game of pool until 9:15. He then remembered an engagement he had with a merchant at the Hotel Patten and started there. At the hotel he saw a man in a dark coat and hat, who he recognized as "fire," and he then ran in the direction of the fire and saw that it was in his store on Eleventh street. He then ran to the front and rang a alarm, which turned on the sprinkling outfit and then unlocked the front door and ran to the elevator in an effort to reach the floor on which the fire was. The cable on the elevator broke and he was thrown to the basement. As soon as he regained his footing, he went to the back door in the basement and unlocked it, and went out. At the door he met the chief of the fire department and talked with him for a few minutes about the sprinkling outfit and what could be done.

It will be remembered, at the trial of the arson case and the suit in chancery, the defendants in the bill filed Tuesday claimed that the complainant had set fire to his store and was seen coming out of the back door at the time of the fire, or soon after it started. The declaration alleges that the capitalization of the defendant companies is estimated at about \$45,000,000. Besides the London Lancashire Fire Insurance company, the following other companies are named as defendants: Insurance Company of North America, of Philadelphia; Niagara Fire Insurance company, of New York; Northern Insurance Company, Ltd., of London; German-American Insurance company, of New York; American Central Insurance company, of St. Louis, Mo.; Home Insurance company, of New York; Fidelity Underwriters' Insurance company, of New York; Continental Insurance company, of New York; Hanover Fire Insurance company, of New York; London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company, Ltd., of Liverpool.

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"CON" MILLIGAN MADE A MAJOR

Well-Known Chattanooga Receives Promotion—Graduate First Training Camp.

TELEGRAM BRINGS NEWS

First Local Boy to Attain Rank of Major—Father Proud of Four Sons.

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., May 7. J. B. Milligan, Chattanooga, Tenn., Received promotion today. Now a major.

J. B. Milligan, well-known attorney and citizen, Tuesday morning received the above telegram, telling of the promotion of his son, C. G. ("Con") Milligan, the first Chattanooga to enter the Fort Oglethorpe training camp of "last May" to receive this honor.

"Con" Milligan is one of the best known young lawyers at the Chattanooga bar and has a host of friends who will learn of his promotion with great pleasure. He entered the first training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and was one of five or six young men of Chattanooga to graduate with the rank of captain. Capt. Milligan was sent to Camp Jackson at the conclusion of the first training camp and has been stationed there since that time.

Mr. Milligan, father of Maj. Milligan, bears the proud distinction of having four sons in the service of his country. Capt. Vincent ("Wink") Milligan, another son, is now in France. "Wink" was a student at the second training camp. Two other sons, Sherrod and Dana, are in the navy, both holding commissions as chief pharmacists' mates. All the Milligan boys are well known in Chattanooga and prior to entering the service of their country were prominently identified with the social and business life of the city.

THIRD SON OF W. P. HAYS GOES INTO WAR SERVICE

When Mark Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hays, of 143 Jarnagin avenue, North Chattanooga, leaves for Newport, R. I., on Thursday, it will mark the entrance of the third son of the Hays family into Uncle Sam's naval forces. Mr. Hays, who is president of the Eagle Saw works, already has two sons in the navy. Cobb Hays, enlisted last June and is now located at the Brooklyn navy yard, while another son, John Hays, who enlisted in April, is already on the high seas assisting the members of his ship's crew in conveying transports across the Atlantic to "somewhere in France."

BERRIES "GO OVER TOP" IN FOOD DRIVE ON KAISER

More Abundant in Hamilton and Rhea Than for Many Seasons.

Early spring indications that the strawberry crop in Hamilton and Rhea counties would be larger than in many previous years have materialized, according to officials of the Southern railroad. Shipments during the past few days have been larger than even the most optimistic strawberry growers hoped for.

Interviewed Tuesday, one of the railroad officials said: "A bountiful strawberry crop is always a good omen to the farmer. It is a hint that the city this evening. Tennessee is sure to get her bit in the great food drive this year."

More than 9,200 crates of strawberries were shipped from Hamilton and Rhea counties yesterday and a still larger shipment is to be made Tuesday. Spring City, with 3,200 crates, set the pace, with 2,400 crates were shipped from Dayton. Evenville's strawberry growers shipped 1,200 crates. Other shipments were: Sale Creek, 800 crates; Boyce, 400 crates; Grayville, 400 crates.

While The News' informant was unable to give the specific prices the berries are quoted at, he did say the farmers were getting higher prices this year than ever before.

INJUNCTION GRANTED MILLER ICE COMPANY

Suit Growing Out of Reduction of Ice Prices by Atlantic Ice and Coal Company.

An injunction was granted the Miller Ice and Coal company against the Atlantic Ice and Coal corporation Tuesday morning in the chancery court by Chancellor W. R. Carver. The suit was entered several days ago, but the injunction for some reason was not granted until Tuesday morning. It will be remembered that the complainants charged the defendants with being in violation of an injunction, and the injunction for some reason was not granted until Tuesday morning. It will be remembered that the complainants charged the defendants with being in violation of an injunction, and the injunction for some reason was not granted until Tuesday morning.

KAISER TO BE KNOWN AS HEROD OF 20th CENTURY

British Food Controller, Who Was on Fated Lusitania, Issues Message.

(Associated Press.) London, May 7.—In connection with the national war bond campaign, Baron Rhonda, the food controller, who, with his daughter, was aboard the Lusitania when she was torpedoed three years ago today, has sent the following message to the national war savings campaign:

"The sinking of the Lusitania made the world see plainly the inherent criminality of its foe. On the brow of Prussia was the mark of the beast. You will recall your first emotions on the news of the sinking of the Lusitania. Germany has not changed since. Let us not relax our efforts until we have destroyed the evil spirits who planned and rejoiced in such a crime."

"It still will keep in remembrance the tragedy of the Lusitania, a tragedy enacted by an emperor and a people who flung to the winds all the codes of honor and civility. The Kaiser will be known in time to come as the hero of the Twentieth century, who caused Rachel to weep for her children."

"Worse even than the sinking of the Lusitania was the sinking of the ship in which it was planned and the shouts of exultation that afterward swept through-out Germany. A medal was struck—a medal in commemoration of a crime. To rejoice in doing evil is surely the depth of degradation."

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LABOR AND SOCIALIST BODIES WOULD REVOLT

Internal Unrest in Austria Increases—Government's Plan "Childish and Criminal."

(Associated Press.) Bern, May 7.—Labor and socialist organizations in Austria have revolted against the government's action in suspending parliament. Swiss newspapers print a telegram from Vienna quoting the Social Democratic Korrespondenz to the effect that a committee of the socialist party and the German socialist deputies' club have decided to issue a manifesto to the working class in regard to the government's action, in which the following declaration will be made:

"Socialism is re-established out of regard for pan-Germanism, which is prolonging the war, the working class will be forced to fight for their rights."

The manifesto concludes by exhorting the workers to hold themselves ready to fight if necessary.

The socialist Arbeiter Zeitung, of Vienna, describes as childish and criminal the government's idea that it can soothe the passions of the mob by a crisis by simply proroguing parliament. It warns Premier von Seydewitz and those behind him that they are on the brink of a precipice.

BERLIN TELLS OF BATTLE ADVANCES INTO ENEMY LINES

Prisoners Taken.

Berlin, via London, Monday, May 6.—The statement issued by the war office tonight reads:

"In the Flanders fighting area we carried out a series of operations resulting in the capture of a large number of prisoners. Early this morning there was a temporary violent artillery duel between Ypres and Bailloult. Through-out the day, only the village of Kemmel was subjected to the strongest fire."

"On the bank of the Lys, at the La Bassée canal and in some sectors of the battlefield, our troops have been successful in driving the enemy back. Reconnoitering engagements

NOT SUFFICIENT TIME SAYS GEN. CATES

Thinks Date on Which County Committees Meet Should Be Later.

Gov. Tom Cates to Welcome Convention at Opening Session Tuesday Night.

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In accordance with the request of Mrs. Birdie A. Owen, of Jackson, state president, the convention will not be on such an elaborate scale as on previous occasions. Patriotism will be the keynote, and important matters relating to war work will be brought up during the meeting.

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Long-Standing Fight for Laity Rights Near End—Urge Ban on Dancing Lifted.

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SWEET POTATO FLOUR MAKES GOOD SUBSTITUTE

Can Be Used to Advantage in Making Cakes and Bread, Mixed With Flour.

The Weekly News Letter, published at Washington under the auspices of the agricultural department, contains the following:

"Sweet potato flour, made in the home by using an ordinary cone grinder or a meat grinder, offers one practical way to save sweet potatoes from spoiling, according to food specialists of the United States department of agriculture. A quart of dried potatoes will make a cup of flour, or meal, which is useful in making certain hot breads, cakes, and puddings."

"To make the flour the potatoes should be cut into small lengthwise pieces and thoroughly dried either in a drier that fits on the top of an oven or warming closet or spread on racks in a current of air from an electric fan. The thoroughly dried potatoes are passed once or twice through a coffee grinder or the nut knife of a food chopper and the product sifted. The flour looks much like fine corn meal, and keeps for some time in a tight container."

"In a stove drier potatoes have been dried out satisfactory in one and one-half days, the drier being over a gas stove used at intervals during the day and unlighted at night. In a warming oven potatoes dry in about two and one-half days, but are of darker color."

"In cake or bread making the sweet potato flour may take the place of one-half of the flour usually used. In cakes sugar can be reduced a little. As a thickening agent it has the same power as cornstarch."

IN THE LAND OF COMMON SENSE

Says it is suicide to cut corns, and tells how they lift right out.

You simply say to the drug store man, "Give me a quarter of an ounce of freestone." This will cost very little. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn will relieve the soreness instantly, and soon the entire corn, root and all, can be lifted out with the fingers without pain.

This new way to rid one's feet of corns was introduced by a Cincinnati man, who says that while freestone is sticks of dynamite and can be used to simply shatter up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

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and to maintain. In the case of Marion county, this improvement and deepening of the valley road will be handled through tax levies. Both the highway department and the counties plan to begin work immediately and to rush this important link of the Dixie highway through to completion.

Several Chattanooga men made the trip to Jasper on May 2, going by way of Wauhatchie and Rankin's ferry. They returned by way of the Buck Creek road, which is the routing of the Dixie highway, and found that section in Marion county quite travelable. In fact, some Marion county enthusiasts come over into Hamilton county and help fill up mudholes after rains so that this direct route may be used.

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General Gibson Says He Feels That Every Soldier Should Take Nuxated Iron

General John L. Clem, Who Was Sergeant in the U. S. Army at 12 Years of Age; General David Stuart Gordon, Hero of the Battle of Gettysburg; Judge Samuel S. Yoder, for Eighteen Years a Practicing Physician and Formerly Surgeon-Major in the Army, Also Tell How They Were Benefited by a Short Course of This Remarkable Product.

Dr. James Francis Sullivan and other Physicians explain why Nuxated Iron helps to increase strength and endurance and build up weak, nervous, run-down folks.

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General David Stuart Gordon, U. S. A. (Retired), promoted for gallant conduct in the battle of Gettysburg; well-known Indian fighter. General Gordon says: "Despite my advanced age Nuxated Iron has made me fit and ready for another campaign, and if my country needs me I am ready to go." Judge Samuel S. Yoder, Statesman, Jurist

and for 18 years a practicing physician formerly Surgeon Major in the Army and now Commander in Chief of the Union Veterans Union, says: "Nuxated Iron restores; revivifies and rehabilitates the system. To the man of 70 as I am it is just as certain, just as efficacious as to the youth in his teens."

not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish to quickly increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

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